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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §	• •			
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified a to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination a 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000) 1233 Off. practice.	(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg.			
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 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) 	116 previously filed on July 17, 2002			
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Bri	ief previously filed on			
iii. 🗌 Other	_			
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iv. Other				
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3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	A when BCE is filed			
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